

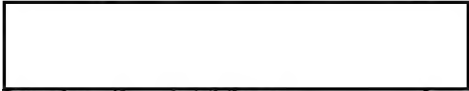
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Phone Contact with Joe Kraft

1. As I reported in my earlier memo I met Joe Kraft last month at a Yale sponsored seminar on China After Mao. On 18 March Joe Kraft phoned Andrew Falkiewicz who cleared my contacting Kraft directly.

2. Kraft wanted to know about the current situation in China; were there meetings going on in Peking, was it true that Teng was about to be rehabilitated, what would be Teng's position, what had happened to the Gang of Four and what was Hua Kuo-feng's status? I asked Kraft not to refer to me in any way in any article and he answered "I am the complete plagiarizer, don't worry." I responded to his questions in general terms confirming some of his impressions and saying I did not know about others and I did not use classified data in my answers. Kraft said he appreciated my help and he hoped to get together with me for lunch after he got back from his forthcoming trip.

  
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